

# Community Violence Intervention Grant Programs

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# DCJS

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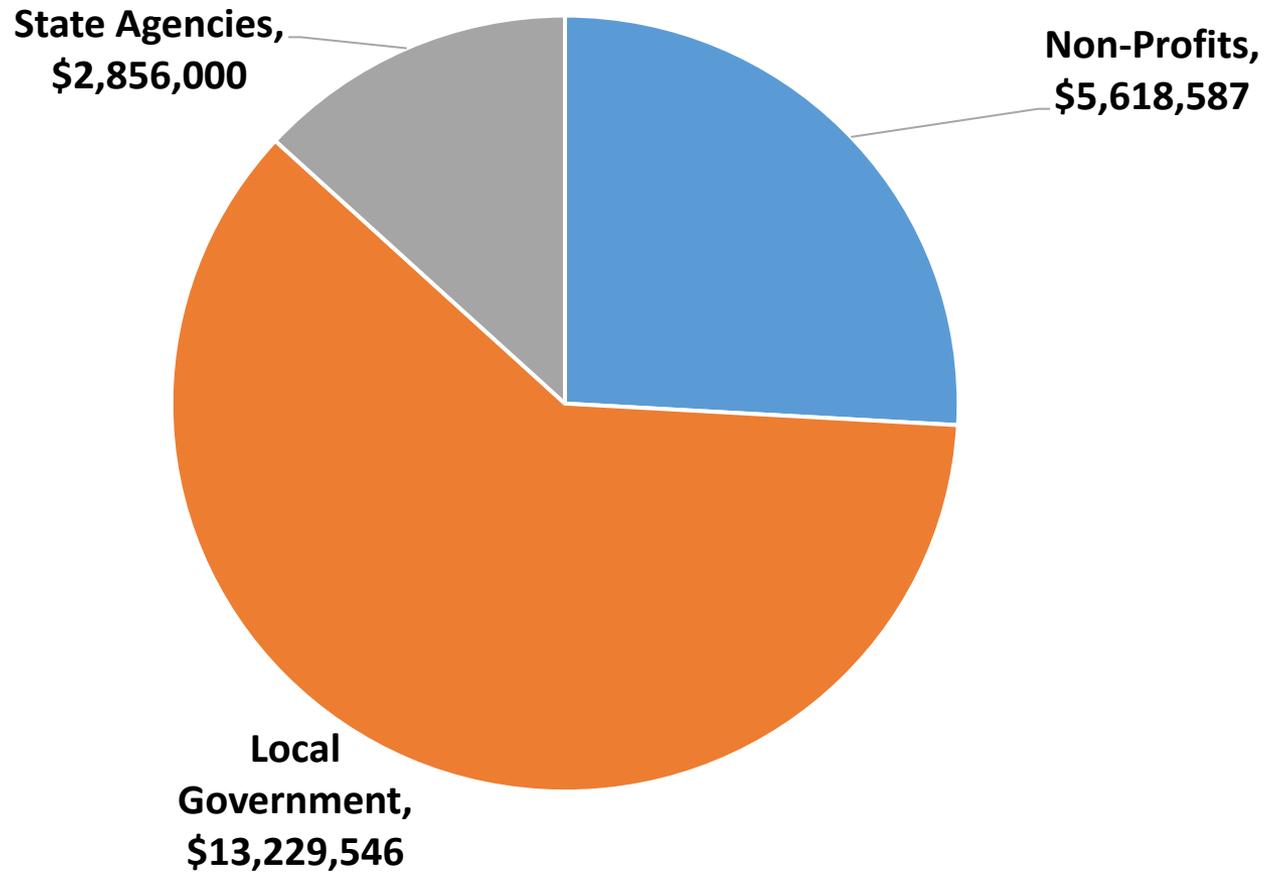
# Community Violence Intervention Grant Programs (FY23 & FY24)

Firearm Violence  
Intervention and  
Prevention Fund

Operation  
Ceasefire Grant  
Fund

Safer  
Communities  
Program

# Community Violence Intervention Grant Programs (FY23 & FY24)



# Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Fund (FY23 & FY24)

- Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund (FVIP)
  - \$4M in FY23 and \$9M in FY24, Chapter 1
  - At least \$1.5M each year to localities with disproportionate firearm-related homicides to support crime intervention and prevention through community engagement, including youth programs
  - At least \$500,000 in FY23 for Portsmouth and at least \$1M in FY23 for Norfolk
- 3% for DCJS Administration

# Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Fund (FY23 & FY24)

- *...available to agencies of local government, community-based organizations, and hospitals for the purpose of supporting implementation of evidence-informed gun violence intervention and prevention efforts, including street outreach, hospital-based violence intervention, and other violence intervention programs.*
- *Grant funds shall also support firearm suicide prevention and safe firearm removal practices from persons prohibited from possessing a firearm, including subjects of domestic violence protective orders, persons convicted of prohibitory crimes, and persons subject to substantial risk orders.*

# Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Awards (FY23 & FY24)

Awarded \$5M of FVIP funds available for FY2023 & FY2024 for Hospital Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative

- 1 grant for 6 hospitals

Dec. 2022

Awarded \$1.5M of FVIP funds to Portsmouth & Norfolk

Dec. 2022

Awarded \$199,587 for 1-year FVIP grants (possible cont.)

- 5 awards to non-profit organizations

Apr. 2023

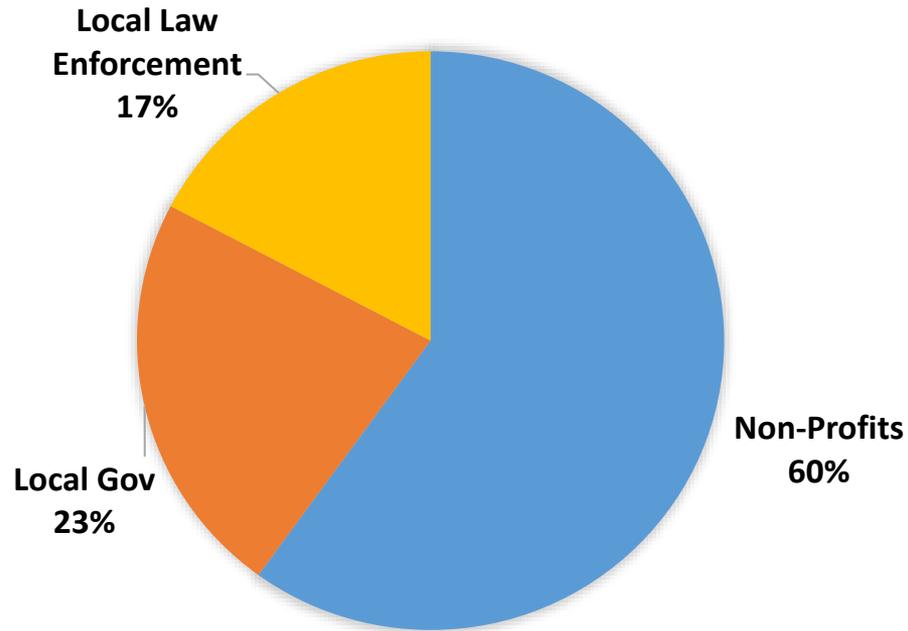
Awarded \$1,025,594 of FVIP for grants for local coordination, assessment, and planning

- 6 awards to local government agencies

Dec. 2023

# Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Fund (FY23 & FY24)

## FUNDING DISTRIBUTION



# Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund (FY23 & FY24)

- Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund
  - \$2.5M in FY23 and \$17.5M in FY24, Chapter 1
- 3% for DCJS Administration

# Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund (FY23 & FY24)

- *Used solely for the purposes of implementing violent crime reduction strategies, providing training for law-enforcement officers and prosecutors, providing equipment for law-enforcement agencies, and awarding grants to organizations such as state and local law-enforcement agencies, local attorneys for the Commonwealth, localities, social services providers, and nonprofit organizations that are engaged in group violence intervention efforts...*
- *'Group violence intervention' means comprehensive law enforcement, prosecutorial, and community-based initiatives, substantially similar to Operation Ceasefire as implemented in Boston, Massachusetts and the Gang Reduction Programs implemented in Richmond and Los Angeles, California.*

# Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund (FY23 & FY24)

## Operation Ceasefire Awards (FY23 & FY24)

Awarded all Ceasefire funds initially appropriated for FY23 and FY24

- \$1.99M to local governments and nonprofits
- \$2.6M to OAG
- \$256,044 to VSP

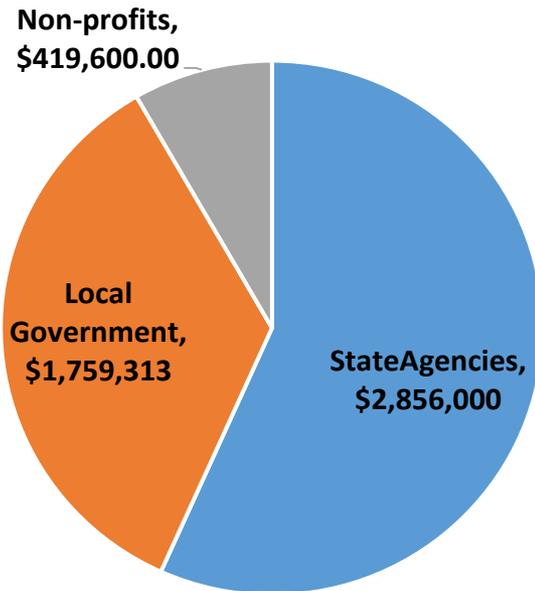
Dec. 2022

Awarded \$5,417,317 for 14 Operation Ceasefire grants to local prosecutors

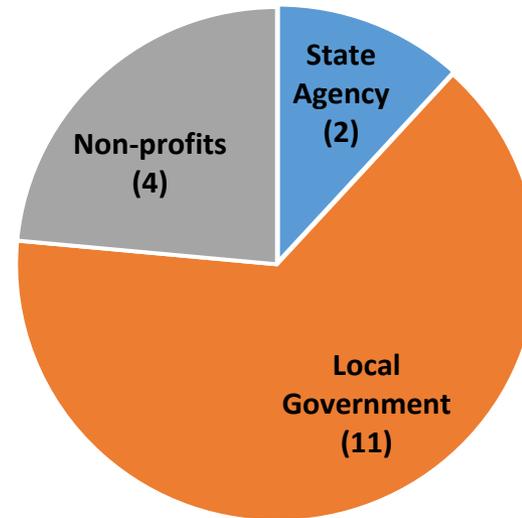
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# Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund (FY23 & FY24)

### FUNDS DISTRIBUTION



### GRANT DISTRIBUTION



# Safer Communities Program (FY24)

- Safer Communities Program
  - \$10M in FY24, Chapter 1
  - \$9.5 to pilot localities: Cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Richmond

# Safer Communities Program (FY24)

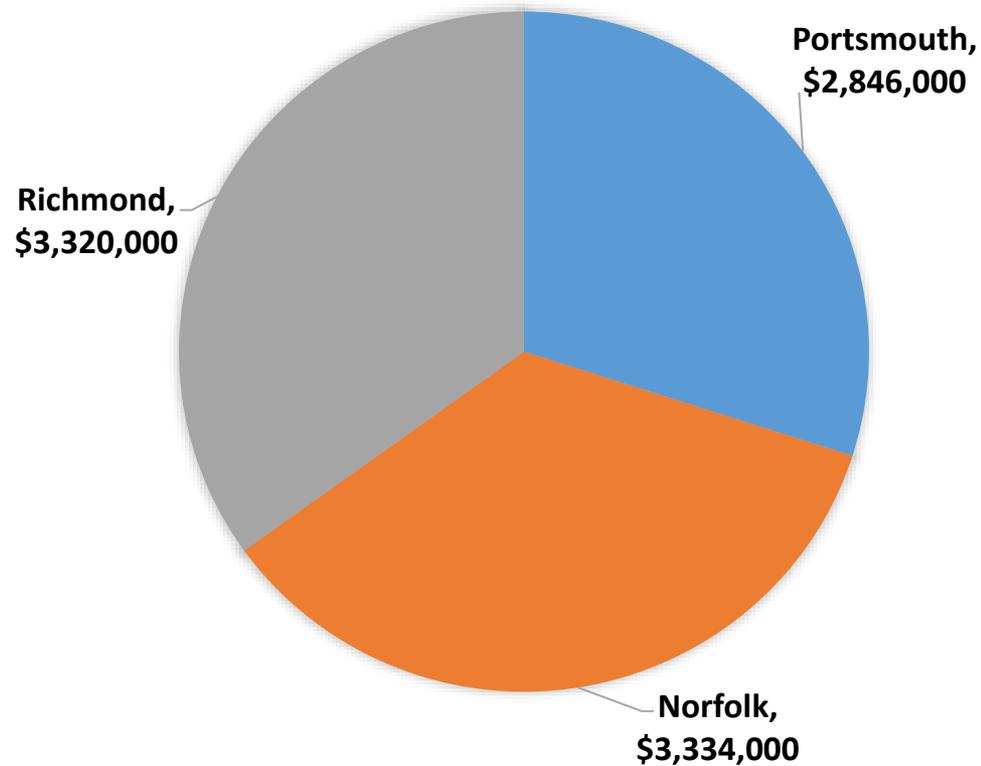
- *Support holistic, community-based strategies that address the root causes and conditions of community violence*
- *Evidence-informed and/or community-driven*
  - *Afterschool programs and mentorships*
  - *Connections to education and economic opportunities*
  - *Trauma-informed mental health care*
  - *Credible messengers and violence interrupters*
  - *Strategies to build trust between law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders*

# Safer Communities Program (FY24)

- Requires each of these localities to employ a full-time position dedicated to planning, implementation, and coordination of community violence reduction strategies, including existing violence reduction grants
- In November 2023, DCJS made awards to the three named localities

# Safer Communities Program (FY24)

## FUNDING DISTRIBUTION



# Related Funding Programs (FY21 & FY22)

American Rescue  
Plan Act (ARPA)

Youth and  
Community Gang  
Assessments

Gun Violence  
Intervention  
Program

# Timeline of Related Funding (FY21 & FY22)

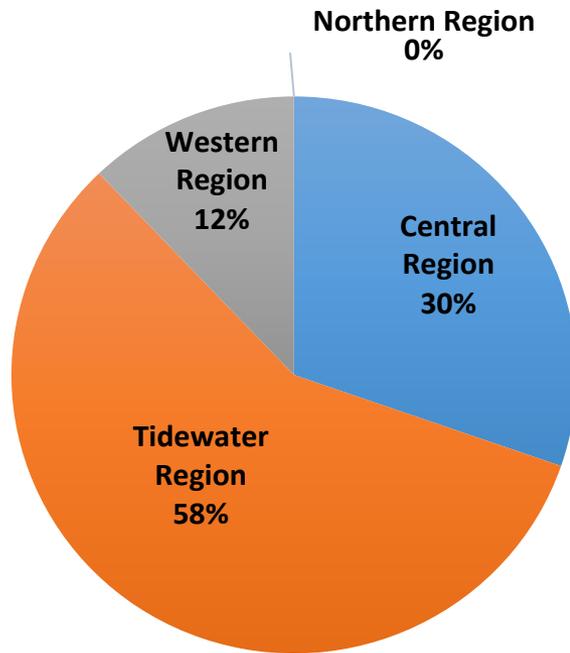
- FY2021 & FY2022 – \$2,645,244 in *Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention* funding the first year and \$193,658 the second year and two positions to make competitive grants to five localities to support evidence-based gun violence intervention and prevention initiatives
- FY2021 – \$150,000 in *Youth Gang and Community Violence Assessments* for community assessments for youth and gang violence prevention initiatives in Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, and Petersburg

# Timeline of Related Funding (FY21 & FY22)

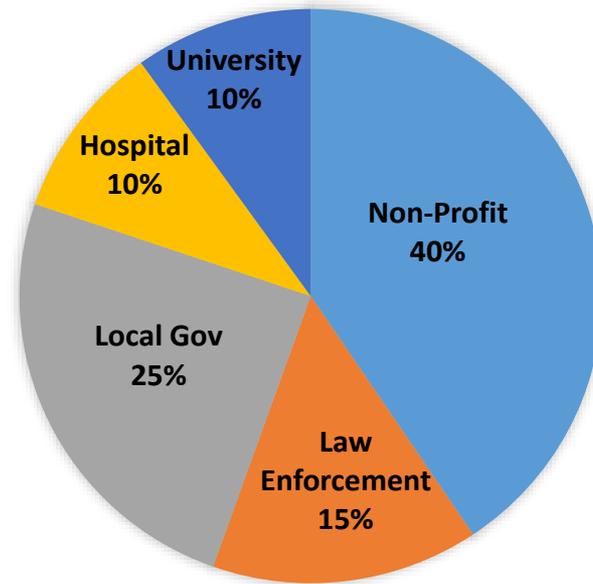
- FY2022 – \$2.5M in *American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)* funds for groups providing community-based gun violence reduction or youth and gang violence intervention programming through initiatives including, but not limited to, Gang Reduction and Youth Development and Operation Ceasefire models
- FY2022 – \$200,000 in *ARPA* funds for one-time appropriation to Chesapeake for the purchase of equipment to analyze firearms evidence
- FY2022 – \$800,000 in *ARPA* funds for one-time appropriation to Hampton to support employment program for court-involved youth and adults facing barriers to employment, expand services for those participating in/at-risk of gun violence, and provide counseling or mental health services for those exposed to violence

# Related Funding Programs (FY21 & FY22)

**PROGRAM BY REGION**



**GRANT DISTRIBUTION**



# Office of Safer Communities

## *Next Steps*

# Office of Safer Communities

- *Establishes an Office of Safer Communities at DCJS which will serve as a resource for research, evidence, and best practices for community-based violence intervention*
- *Encompasses the existing firearms violence reduction funds including Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention and Operation Ceasefire*
- *\$500,000 to DCJS to Support the Office of Safer Communities*
  - *Coordination, Outreach, Capacity Building*
  - *Performance Measure Reporting*
  - *Research and Evidence*

# Next Steps

1

Provide localities with more direct technical assistance for capacity building, planning, and sustainability

2

Identify and implement standardized metrics for reporting under these programs

3

Issue new grant solicitation for FVIP (Non-Profits) and OCGP (Law Enforcement & Community Based Organizations)

# Next Steps

- Continue to equip localities to ensure they are better positioned to move forward with programs designed to address their specific needs in the areas of long-term violence intervention and prevention:
  - Requiring local assessments
  - Encouraging the hiring of local criminal justice planners who can focus on bringing all local players together and coordinating efforts at the local level
  - Engaging local Community Criminal Justice Boards which include judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, local government, and others for multiple purposes
- Enhance research on violence reduction strategies to serve as a clearinghouse for state, local, and community organizations

# Next Steps

- Enhance and increase training for professionals serving impacted communities on violence reduction strategies and with response to community trauma
- Assist with the development and reporting of performance measures, along with incorporating an evaluation to allow course corrections if needed.
- Enhance community collaboration by providing training and support to nonprofits
- Schedule regional meetings for community-based organizations (CBOs) to increase collaboration and provide technical assistance addressing sustainability and capacity building

# Questions

# Appendix

# Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) Grants 2023

## Hospital-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Grant Grant period: July 1, 2023–June 30, 2025

Roanoke:  
*Carilion Roanoke*

Richmond:  
*VCU/MCV Health*

Norfolk (2): *Sentara  
Norfolk General,  
Children's Hospital of  
Kings Daughters*

Newport News:  
*Riverside Regional  
Hospital*

Petersburg:  
*Bon Secours  
Southside*

## Non-Profit and Community Based Organizations Grant period: July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024

Boys and Girls Club of  
Northern Neck  
(Northern Neck):  
*BGVNN Gun Violence  
Prevention Program*

League of Advocates  
(Chesapeake):  
*Violence Interrupter  
Program*

Rings vs. Rent  
Scholarship  
Foundation  
(Richmond):  
*Life Coach Academy*

Pretty Purposed  
(Petersburg, Dinwiddie,  
Chesterfield):  
*Girls Circle and You  
GLOW Girl Network*

Quality of Life  
Counseling Center  
(Norfolk):  
*Leading Youth for  
Tomorrow*

# Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) Grants 2023

Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program  
Grant period: January 1, 2024–December 31, 2026 (36 months)

Alexandria City  
*(Local  
Coordination)*

Colonial Heights  
City *(Local  
Coordination)*

Emporia City  
*(Local  
Coordination)*

Petersburg City  
*(Local  
Coordination)*

Richmond City  
*(Assessment)*

Roanoke City  
*(Local  
Coordination)*

# Ceasefire Grant Awards 2023

## Prosecutorial Grants

Grant Period January 1, 2023–December 30, 2024

Office of the Attorney  
General:  
*Virginia Ceasefire  
Program*

Virginia State Police:  
*Virginia State Police  
Ceasefire Program*

Chesapeake  
Commonwealth  
Attorney's Office:  
*Chesapeake  
Investigator Grant*

Hampton  
Commonwealth  
Attorney's Office:  
*Hampton Operation  
Ceasefire*

Lancaster  
Commonwealth  
Attorney's Office:  
*Lancaster Operation  
Ceasefire*

Lee County  
Commonwealth  
Attorney's Office: *Lee  
County Operation  
Ceasefire*

Prince George  
Commonwealth  
Attorney's Office:  
*Ceasefire Regional  
Prosecutor*

Prince William  
Commonwealth  
Attorney's Office:  
*Gun Violence  
Intervention Program*

# Ceasefire Grant Awards 2023

## Law Enforcement Grant Programs Grant Period January 1, 2023–December 30, 2024

Prince William County:  
*Public Safety  
Coordination and  
Planning Initiative*

Pulaski County  
Sheriff's Office:  
*Gang Training and  
Overtime*

Richmond Police  
Department:  
*Officer Training (Real  
Time Crime Center)*

Scott County Sheriff's  
Office:  
*Community Outreach  
Program*

South Boston Police  
Department:  
*Officer Training and  
Overtime*

Virginia State Police:  
*Fusion Center Crime  
Analyst*

# Ceasefire Grant Awards 2023

**Non-Profit Community-Based Programs**  
**Grant Period January 1, 2023–December 30, 2024**

Buck Squad  
(Charlottesville):  
***Community Gun Violence  
Interruption***

Help Me Help You  
Foundation (Richmond):  
***Changing the Narrative***

New Life Community  
Development Center  
(Richmond):  
***Passport to the Future  
Youth Prevention Program***

REAL LIFE (Hopewell):  
***Violence Prevention  
Initiative***

# Operation Ceasefire Grants 2024

## Operation Ceasefire Grant Program

Grant period: January 1, 2024–December 31, 2026 (36 months)

*Alexandria City*

*Chesterfield County*

*Emporia/Greenville*

*Hampton City*

*Newport News City*

*Nottaway County*

*Patrick County*

*Petersburg City*

*Portsmouth City*

*Prince George  
County*

*Prince William  
County*

*Richmond City*

*Spotsylvania City*

*Virginia Beach*

# Safer Communities Program Awards 2024

Safer Communities Grant Program

Grant period: January 1, 2024–June 30, 2026 (6 months)

Norfolk City:  
Safer  
Communities

Portsmouth City:  
Portsmouth  
United

Richmond City:  
Safer  
Communities

# Related Funding Grant Awards

## Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program Grant Period: July 1, 2021–June 30, 2023

Hampton City:  
Hopeful Hampton  
Initiative

Newport News City:  
C-PIER Initiative

Portsmouth City:  
Portsmouth  
Operation Ceasefire  
Initiative

Richmond City:  
We Matter RVA

Roanoke City:  
Gun Violence  
Intervention and  
Prevention Program

# Related Funding Grant Awards

Youth and Gang Violence Community Assessments  
Grant Period: July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Hampton  
City

Newport  
News City

Norfolk  
City

Petersburg  
City

Richmond  
City

Roanoke  
City

# Related Funding Grant Awards

## Community Based Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (ARPA) Grant Period: July 1, 2021–June 30, 2024

Danville City: Project Imagine	Hopewell City Police Department: Good to Great Program	Help Me Help You Foundation (Richmond): The New Narrative	The Buck Squad (Charlottesville): Violence Interruption	Petersburg Police Department: CBGV Initiative	Give Back to the Block (Portsmouth): Transforming the Narrative
Prince Foundation (Chesapeake): Gun Violence and Gang Prevention	Newport News City: C-Pier Initiative	The Uhuru Foundation (Charlottesville) Healthy, Wealthy and Wise	Roanoke City: Gun Violence Emergency Relocation Program	The Reck League (Norfolk) : Conflict Mitigation Program For Youth	University of Lynchburg: Good Gangs Program
United In Him (Virginia Beach) All Hands on Deck Initiative	Ketchmore Kids (Newport News): Gun Violence Prevention Program	REAL LIFE (Hopewell) Group Violence Intervention Program	Old Dominion University (Newport News): Work Integrated Learning Program	Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority: Community Based Gun Violence Initiative	The Osiris Foundation (Richmond) Wellness & Mentorship Program
	Virginia Hospital Research & Education Association (Statewide): Violence Injury Recovery and Support Program	Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond) : Bridging the Gap Program	Newport News Police Foundation: Network to Social Justice	Richmond City Police Department: Operation Red Ball	

# Related Funding Grant Awards

## 2022 One-time Earmark Appropriations

Hampton City: Court  
Involved At-Risk Youth  
Workforce  
Development Program

Chesapeake Police  
Department:  
BRASSTRAX Grant